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TITLE: CURL SPRING SHOE BASED WINDOW BALANCE SYSTEM

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Washington, D. C. 20231

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Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (AMENDED) The balance system of claim 1 wherein each of the shoes [has a plurality of the containment regions for receiving] is biased upward by a plurality of curl springs.

To meet the requirements of PTO Form-948, as part of this Office Action, the formal drawings for FIGS. 22-25 of this application are being submitted to the Official Draftsman simultaneously with this response.

REMARKS

Except for claim 7, all the other claims in the application have been allowed. The problem with claim 7 is ambiguity as to whether piggyback or companion carriers having additional curl spring containment regions come within the meaning of the term "shoes". A combination of shoe and companion carrier can properly be referred to collectively as a "shoe".